

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2018



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, to be used for programs that address "housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate." A panel will select recipients for grants of up to \$5,000. Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that includes non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church for work being done directly by that church.

Only one application per church will be considered within a 24-month period.

Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day funds, church benevolent funds, regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance), repairs, or for capital improvements or repairs to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church that is applying for the grant; checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

Tab through the document to fill in all the fields below.

1. Applicant Information

Name of Church: Diamond Hills Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 647 South Diamond Street Mansfield OH 44907

Phone: 419-524-4761

Federal Tax ID#: 34-1084581

Name of Region: ABC Ohio

Contact person (person completing this form): Andrea McGregor

Email of contact person: dhbcsec@neo.rr.com

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, have you submitted your report on the use of the funds? ☐ Yes ☒ No

2. What ministry or group will use these funds?

Monthly Free Community Lunch

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Please include a very brief and specific statement on how the money will be spent. For example: to purchase school supplies for 100 elementary school children; to provide summer camp scholarships for 10 children from low-income families; purchase diapers and wipes for single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.

The Grant money will be used to assist in purchasing the necessary food to provide a monthly balanced, nutritious meal to those in need.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? What impact do you hope to make on the target group or community?

They will provide a guarantee of a good meal at the end of the month, when most needed.

5. Total cost of the project: 4,320

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: 3,150

7. List other funding source(s): Contributions by church and church members

8. Please submit along with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement.

- A financial statement FOR THIS MINISTRY. This can be a budget or projected budget, and should not exceed 2 pages. Church budgets are not acceptable.

By submitting this application on behalf of (church name) Diamond Hills Baptist Church, I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct. We agree to use and/or disburse any grant funds awarded for the sole purpose as described within this application. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by (name of person): Andrea McGregor (your name typed here is your electronic signature)

Date: 8/29/2018

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline September 1. Grants will be distributed no later than October 15.
- Only electronic submissions of completed applications and supporting documents will be accepted. Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org.
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

Instructions and information for completing the 2018 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application

1. General information

Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that include non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church in good standing.

When determining Grants awards, the following criteria will be considered: whether the church is in good standing within the region; whether the church contributes to United Mission; number of and amounts of previous Matthew 25 Grants received; sustainability of ministry beyond Matthew 25 Grant funding; description of ministry and needs addressed by funding; and the budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the church. Checks will not be made to an individual or ministry.

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Briefly describe what will be purchased with the grant funds if awarded. Be specific with the expected use of these funds. This should be a very short and specific statement on where the money will be spent, do not include a lengthy narrative of the ministry project.

You are encouraged to provide a longer description of the ministry but this additional information must be limited to no more than one page in length and submitted as an attachment.

Please note that grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions and salaries, for capital improvements to church facilities, to pay for regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance) or repairs, or to maintain a "Rainy Day fund" or church benevolent fund.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

Describe how the Matthew 25 grant funds will benefit those less fortunate. What effect and impact do you hope to have on individuals battling poverty or the community you are hoping to serve?

5. Total cost of the project

List the total amount of this project or ministry need.

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant.

One application per church will be considered per 24 month period. The maximum amount awarded is \$5,000. If you have previously been a Matthew 25 grant recipient, you must have submitted a follow-up report in order to be eligible to reapply.

7. Your other funding source(s).

List all other sources providing funding for this ministry.

8. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement

Include as an attachment a copy of the church or ministry's mission statement.

- A financial statement for this ministry

This budget or projected budget must include itemized expenses and income for the ministry applying for the Matthew 25 grant funding. Church budgets are not acceptable.

Other information and requirements

By submitting an application,

- You certify that all information submitted is true and correct;
- You agree to use and/or disburse any awarded grant funds for the sole purpose as described within this application;
- You agree to supply a one page report on the use of funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant;
- You give ABCUSA permission to share your story via the ABCUSA website or newsletter;
- You give ABCUSA permission to use the photograph(s) submitted for printing and/or posting.

I have reviewed the instructions provided. (initial here) ASM

Your typed name and initials are your electronic signatures on this document.

COMMUNITY MEAL 2018															
														2018	Current
	Month	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct	Nov.	Dec.	Budget	Expense
Main Dish	\$190	57	150	115	120	87	125	80	116					\$2,280	850
Veg. Side	\$25	37	18	15	10	22	15	23	60					\$300	200
Bread, Potatoes, Pasta	\$50	51	72	64	57	83	35	48	39					\$600	452
Fruit/Dessert	\$45	20	17	24	35	38	19	36	44					\$540	233
Condiments	\$15	5		27		13			7					\$180	52
Beverages	\$20	8	19	11	17	22	19	18	20					\$240	134
Additional Tableware	\$15	74		20										\$180	109
Total	\$360	252	276	276	239	265	213	205	198					4,320	2,030
Clients		91	120	121	91	107	120	116	120						
Carryouts		15	25	18	15	25	15	23	4						
Workers		13	14	17	13	15	14	15	14						
Total		119	159	146	119	147	149	154	138						
Church supplies	foam plates, carryout containers, cups, table service, table covering, napkins, coffee, tea, creamer, sugar, service gloves, stir sticks, foil and plastic wrap, slow cooker liners, serving dishes														
Member donations	additional salads & desserts, occasional financial donations (\$5-10) from members and clients														

Project Name: Free Community Luncheon
Church name: Diamond Hills Baptist Church
647 South Diamond Street
Mansfield, Ohio 44907

Mission Statement:
"Christ Our Vision, People Our Passion,
Discipleship Our Vision"

The main focus:

The focus of the project is to reach out to those in need and those who are hungry. Mansfield, like so many areas in our state, has suffered a major decline in work available to its citizens. The latest statistics indicate approximately 30% of our state population is unable to food for themselves. Our church has a food pantry which is open the second and fourth Tuesday of the month for those in need. Alma Schmidt and Sondra Asher were praying individually for over a year for a way to feed the hungry in our area. In discussions with our pastor, they realized both wanted to provide a place in our church where people could enjoy a free, home cooked meal in an attractive, welcoming environment. The Free Community meal was established 11 years ago, with Sondra and Alma continuing to serve.

Addressing the needs:

Because of the unemployment rates and lack of jobs, our people have little or no money to buy food. Transportation is also a problem. We have a family who brings a handicapped daughter in a wheelchair. We didn't realize they walked a long way to eat at our church, until we saw them pushing their daughter on the snow-covered street not so long ago. When the daughter was unable to come, the mother hesitantly asked if she could have a carry out meal. She admitted she had been afraid to ask. We gave her a carry out for all her family. All of our guests are encouraged to get extra helpings if they want them and almost all do. Carry outs are an important part of our meals because several attendees have members at home or neighbors in need of food. We also deliver any extra food which is left over that day (which does not often happen) to the Homeless Shelter for men, women, and children. To see the excitement of the adults and children we serve is a great blessing to us.

The Project's Goals:

First and foremost, it has always been a goal of our church and its members to serve the people in our community in whatever way we are needed. Certainly prayer, commitment and financial aid help make it possible. Other goals include beginning each lunch with prayer, decorating the tables attractively and with wooden crosses, providing favors like My Daily Bread, book marks, small goodie bags with Bible verses, etc. These things are done by church members and community members outside the church as well. Uniting the project goals is the real need to develop trust and a mutual respect between our church members and our community. In the last eleven years though expenses are growing, we managed to build trust.

To Whom is the Project Directed:

The project is directed to any individual in our area who needs comfort, sharing and a good meal. Recently we had several people stay after they had finished just talking and relaxing in the church fellowship hall. It was wonderful to realize they felt comfortable in doing that.

Project Continuing:

We envision the Free Community Luncheon continuing and even expanding. More and more people are coming for the meals, with our average being 140 meals served per month. We think the project will be complete when our services and meals are no longer needed by our community. However, we do not envision that in the near future. We will continue to serve with God's help, with our donations and financial contributions, with our church (and other churches) members participation, and with our community's support as long as there is a need and we able to meet it.